

Japan, the Long Beach Bike Station is considered the first of its kind in the United States and has inspired many similar facilities across the nation.

The Bikestation was launched primarily with Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funds as part of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, or ISTEA. Since its opening in 1996, the facility has offered access to Metro Rail and bus/shuttle services, free secure "valet" bicycle parking, rental bikes for tourists and local businesses, a changing room, repairs and accessories shop, bike/transit information and a small cafe for refreshments.

Building upon the gains in ISTEA, Congress broadened its support for bicyclists in 1998 with the passage of the Transportation Equity for the 21st Century Act, or TEA-21. This law explicitly made bike paths and facilities eligible for federal funding. It also mandates that bicyclists and pedestrians will be included in long range transportation plans and that bicyclist access and safety must be addressed in transportation projects.

I comment those who are promoting bike safety and awareness by participating in Bike to Work Week. More information on bicycle safety can be found on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's website at www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/bike.

HONORING ANDREW U. AMWAY
FOR FORTY-ONE YEARS OF
TEACHING

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, as the school year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a teacher who has spent the last forty-one years educating students in my district.

Mr. Andrew U. Amway is a history teacher, the head of the social studies department, a coach, a club advisor and a mentor to countless Hempfield High School students. After spending one year teaching elementary students in a different school district, Mr. Amway came to Hempfield where he spent the rest of his career. Many students learned not only American history in his classroom, but also to take pride in being an American. He is an old-fashioned teacher that believes that hard work is the key to success. And he has certainly been successful in teaching and leading his students. The accomplishments of his students both in academics and in life speak for themselves.

Not only is Mr. Amway a dedicated teacher, but he served as the coach for several athletic teams at the high school—boys and girls tennis, boys and girls swimming, and cross country. During his thirty-nine years of coaching his combined record is an astonishing 1397–254–4. His teams have captured numerous district and league titles.

It is safe to say that Mr. Amway knows how to get the best out of his students both in class and on the playing field.

Forty-one years is a long time to work in any job, but it is particularly unusual in this day and age to find a teacher that has been

in the classroom that long. At Hempfield High School, it is the end of an era. Thank you, Mr. Amway for your many years of service.

HILLEL ACADEMY OF PITTSBURGH'S RECOGNITION OF SOPHIE MASLOFF AND ZVI AND RINA SHULDINER

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, today I acknowledge an upcoming event in my district. The Hillel Academy of Pittsburgh will recognize three individuals who have made significant contributions to the quality of life in our community.

Former Mayor of Pittsburgh Sophie Masloff will be honored for her many years of public service. Under her leadership the City weathered some difficult challenges and laid the groundwork for the prosperity that it is enjoying today. I had the honor and pleasure of working with Mayor Masloff during that time, and I was always impressed by her energy and her dedication to the people of the City of Pittsburgh.

Hillel Academy will also honor Zvi and Rina Shuldiner, who have served Hillel in a number of capacities, including their work as faculty members and as volunteer chairpersons for major school events. They have been involved in a number of activities that have benefited the Jewish community in Pittsburgh. The Shuldiners, it should be noted, are also the proud parents of three Hillel alumni.

I congratulate Mayor Masloff and Zvi and Rina Shuldiner, and I want to thank both them and the Hillel Academy for their efforts to improve the quality of life in Pittsburgh.

CONSERVATION AND
REINVESTMENT ACT OF 1999

SPEECH OF

HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 2000

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 701) to provide Outer Continental Shelf Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people, and for other purposes:

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 701, the Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1999, and in support of the motion to recommit the bill to guarantee that any expenditure of funds will not jeopardize Social Security and Medicare. I strongly believe that eliminating the national debt and securing the financial future of Social Security and Medicare should be our top priorities. We must take advantage of our economic good times to secure these successful programs and rid this nation of its public debt.

During consideration of H.R. 701, Congressman Shadegg offered an amendment that purported to accomplish these goals. While I strongly supported the spirit of my colleague's amendment, it appears that its real intent was to prevent the strong conservation programs in the bill from being funded. The amendment stated that the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) must provide "certification" that the public debt will be fully paid by 2013, that there will not be an on-budget deficit, and that the Social Security and Medicare trust funds will not fall into a deficit in the next five years before any CARA funding could be dispersed. As the CBO has asserted, it is not able to make such certifications, but can only provide estimates. Because of these technical imperfections in the Shadegg proposal, I believe his amendment would permanently block all CARA funding. For this reason, I joined 207 of my colleagues in voting against this amendment, and supported the motion to recommit the bill to ensure that Social Security and Medicare would truly be protected.

I am a cosponsor of the Conservation and Reinvestment Act CARA, because I strongly support increasing the federal investment in conservation. This bill will make an important, dramatic change in the funding of conservation programs. It establishes a permanent funding source for these programs by setting aside royalties earned from off-shore oil and gas drilling. This funding will be directed toward, coastal conservation, land acquisition through the Land and Water Conservation Fund, wildlife conservation, urban parks and recreation, historic preservation, federal and Indian land restoration, and endangered species recovery. Additional funds are also designated to increase federal payments for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes payments and the Refuge Revenue Sharing programs. I urge my colleagues to support his bipartisan legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF SAVE THE
CHILDREN'S WORK TO STAVE
OFF A LOOMING FAMINE IN
ETHIOPIA

SPEECH OF

HON. SAM GEJDENSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, today I call attention to the exemplary work of Save the Children, a relief organization based in my home state of Connecticut. For nearly seventy years, Save the Children has worked to relieve the suffering of millions of men, women and children worldwide. Save the Children has been on the front lines of humanitarian crises in Africa, Asia and Latin America, delivering humanitarian assistance to millions in need. In the United States, and specifically in Connecticut, Save the Children's relief workers have lent their assistance to both adults and children in underprivileged communities.

Save the Children represents the best of what America has to offer. Today, Gary Shaye, Vice President of International Programs for Save the Children International, testified before the House International Relations Committee on the organization's efforts to stave off a looming famine in Ethiopia. Save the Children's relief workers were among the